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1 — Navajo Nation confiscates water tanks after mine spill, Albuquerque Journal, 8/20/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/631160/news/navajo-nation-confiscates-water-tanks-after-mine-spill.html>

Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye on Wednesday ordered tribal police to confiscate water tanks delivered to Shiprock that were intended to hold water that residents could use to irrigate crops and water livestock.

2 — Navajo president may lift advisory on river water, Albuquerque Journal, 8/21/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/631831/news/navajo-president-may-lift-advisory-on-river-water.html>

The quality of San Juan River water on the Navajo Nation has returned to what it was before a spill at a Colorado gold mine sent toxic sludge into the waterway, federal officials said Thursday.

3 – EPA Downplays Dangers of Mine Spill, but Concerns Linger, ABC News, 8/20/2015

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/epa-downplays-dangers-mine-spill-concerns-linger-33215284>

More than two weeks after a mine spill fouled waterways in several Western states, officials expressed concern Thursday over the long-term effects of contaminated river bottoms as the federal agency that triggered the accident downplayed the dangers.

4 — EPA's methane crackdown wins endorsement from oil icon's Texas foundation, Houston Chronicle, 8/20/2015

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2015/08/20/epas-methane-crackdown-wins-endorsement-from-oil-icons-texas-foundation/#2572101=0>

The Obama administration just won an unlikely ally in its push to slash methane emissions from oil wells and gas processing facilities. The philanthropic organization that is a legacy of George Mitchell, the “father of fracking,” endorsed the proposal as a “prudent regulatory strategy.”

5 — Railroad Commission Chairman: Proposed EPA methane cuts are weapon in "war on fossil fuels", San Antonio Business Journal, 8/20/2015

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/news/2015/08/20/railroad-commission-chairman-proposed-epa-methane.html>

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman David Porter is calling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed cuts to methane emissions in the oil and natural gas sector a weapon in the "war on fossil fuels."

6 — Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, Crow urge action on CO2, Dallas Morning News, 8/20/2015

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/metro/20150820-dallas-county-judge-clay-jenkins-crow-urge-action-on-co2.ece>

The EPA's sweeping rule aimed at slashing climate-warming emissions from coal got a boost Thursday from Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins and Dallas philanthropist and businessman Trammell S. Crow.

7 – Methane regulations good for investors as well as the climate, Houston Chronicle, 8/20/2015

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/columnists/tomlinson/article/Methane-regulations-good-for-investors-as-well-as-6455605.php>

Natural gas producers have a choice to make: contribute to the problem of climate change and look greedy or become part of the solution, appear forward-thinking and make more money.

8 — Paxton Asks EPA to Halt Global Warming Plan, Texas Tribune, 8/20/2015

<http://www.texastribune.org/2015/08/20/paxton-asks-epa-stay/>

Renewing his vow to sue if the answer is no, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Thursday officially asked the Environmental Protection Agency to halt a sweeping plan designed to combat climate change while existing legal challenges from other states play out.

9 — Commentary: Fossil Fuels are the Solution, Not the Problem, Houston Chronicle, 8/20/2015

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2015/08/20/fossil-fuels-are-the-solution-not-the-problem/>

The George C. Marshall Institute has recently released a study on fossil fuels and the economic well-being. It describes why energy is an essential input to economic activity. Because fossil fuels are such a large part of the world's energy supply, they play a dominant role in enabling people everywhere to enjoy a higher standard of living and greater personal freedom.

10 — In our best interest: Clean Water Rule common sense (opinion), Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/21/2015

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/aug/21/in-our-best-interest-20150821/>

The Obama administration's testing of regulatory limits is disrupting business activity, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt said Wednesday.

11 — New Orleans' post-Katrina repairs pose lead poisoning threat, magazine says, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/19/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/08/post-katrina_renovations_pose.html#incart_most_shared-environment

Lead poisoning remains a threat to children in New Orleans ten years after Hurricane Katrina, thanks to the exposure of a new generation of children during the sanding of old paint in post-storm renovations, according to an online article published Wednesday in National Geographic.

12 — Louisiana identifies tentative restoration projects for BP spill money, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/20/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/08/identifies_tentative_restorati.html#incart_most_shared-environment

A tentative list of projects that would be funded by \$7.2 billion in BP oil spill fine and settlement money was announced by Louisiana officials on Wednesday (Aug. 19).

13 — Military-grade chemical detection system to help Pointe Coupee deal with possible disasters, chemical releases, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/21/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13229335-123/military-grade-chemical-detection-system-to>

Pointe Coupee Parish is arming itself with military-grade technology that will give its local emergency response teams the ability to detect hazardous chemical threats even before many state agencies.

14 — Coming to a Mine Near You: Why Another Toxic Spill Is Inevitable, Houston Chronicle, 8/21/2015

<http://www.chron.com/living/mensjournal/article/Coming-to-a-Mine-Near-You-Why-Another-Toxic-6455679.php>

The Gold King disaster is nothing new to the West, where many towns, including Silverton, have been suffering from regular spills from acid mine drainage into creeks for more than a century.

15 — Well-water test results mailed to San Juan Co. residents, KOB, 8/20/2015

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/s3884473.shtml#.VdcvAs9Viko>

The New Mexico Environment Department on Thursday said the results of domestic well water testing are being mailed to around 570 residents of San Juan County following the Gold King Mine spill.

16 — Sewer rate increases higher than expected, Plano Star Courier, 8/20/2015

http://starlocalmedia.com/planocourier/sewer-rate-increases-higher-than-expected/article_7c1d1cde-476f-11e5-b930-cfe67c18259d.html

Plano water customers are likely to see a 10 percent increase to their wastewater rates starting in

November, city staff members said Saturday.

**17 — Food Waste And Beef Fat Will Be Making Airplanes Soar, Texas Public Radio,
8/20/2015**

<http://tpr.org/post/food-waste-and-beef-fat-will-be-making-airplanes-soar#stream/0>

What do beef tallow and manure have in common with t-shirts and pine needles? Turns out you can make high-quality, low-carbon transportation fuel with all of them.